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In Re Application of:

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Title: NOVEL HCV NON-STRUCTURAL POLYPEPTIDE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, an extension of time in which to respond is requested and the required fees accompany this response. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

A listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.